

DECEMBER 1, 2024
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People
Leader: Liz Church

✦ *indicates when those who are able will please stand*

Welcome, Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment (together)

This land where we live has been home to countless Indigenous people before us. We acknowledge this truth and reaffirm our responsibility for improving relationships between nations.

WE WELCOME GOD

Call To Worship - More Voices # 11 Come, Come Emmanuel

Reader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great Light
Reader: O, Son of God, you are the Hope of the World
Reader: Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

✦ Opening Hymn – VU # 1 ‘O Come, O Come, Emmanuel’

Opening Prayer (together)

Lord Jesus, as we enter this Advent season, help us cling to the hope You bring. In a world that feels heavy with need, remind us of Your promise to come again and make all things new. Let our hearts be filled with the light of Your presence, leading us closer to You each day. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We reflect on the Light of the World as we light this candle.
May we reach out and reflect this Light to all.

Spiritual Focus: Be on the look-out, great things are happening

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

✦ Illumination Hymn – VU # 2
‘Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus’

Prayer of Illumination

O Holy One, we pray that You speak to us as Your Word is shared. Open our minds to receive your Word. This we pray, in the Name of Jesus, Source of light and hope. Amen.

Scripture:

Reader: Open your hearts and minds to God's Word.

All: We listen with hope as the Scripture is read this day.

Psalm 25: 10 New Life Version
Luke 21: 25-36

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music



Reflection: What are you waiting for?

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY – OUR GIFTS

✦ Offertory Hymn: VU # 540 ‘Grant Us God the Grace’

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. We give in hope. We live in hope because of Your presence with us. Receive these generous offerings. Use them for Your work of healing and hope in our world. *Amen.*

Communion

VU # 457 – As We Gather at Your Table (verse 1 only)

✦ **Closing Hymn: VU # 220 – Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

Commissioning & Benediction

As you leave this safe haven, I pray for renewal in your hearts of the assurance that God loves you. I pray today that you would be strengthened in your faith and that you will live in hope of the Lord's Return. *Amen.*

Be people of hope. Let hope live in your heart. Notice another's humanity. Share the love of Christ with those whom you meet. *Amen*

Choral Blessing

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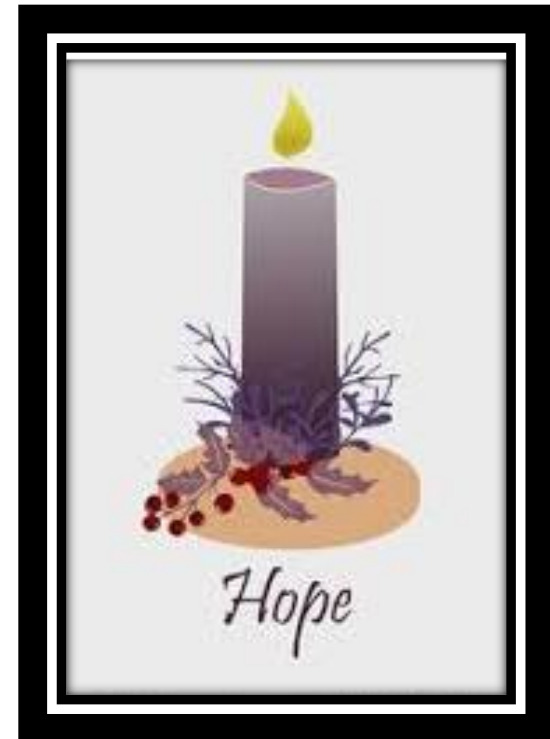
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